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SUBJECT: MINISTERIAL-WZO SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE MEETS

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1. THE GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE ANNOUNCED THAT THE MINISTERIAL-WORLD ZIONIST ORGANIZATION (WZO)SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE DECIDED ON NOVEMBER 9 TO APPROVE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A HIGHWAY FROM THE TEL AVIV METROPOLITAN AREA TO MA'ALEH EFRAIM IN SAMARIA. DAVAR REPORTED THAT THE ROAD WILL PROCEED FROM THE LOD-JERUSALEM HIGHWAY THROUGH BEIT HORON

AND GIVON TO MA'ALEH EFRAIM. (COMMENT: THE ROAD APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE IS ONE ELEMENT IN THE SETTLEMENT PLAN ANNOUNCED BY SHARON IN EARLY SEPTEMBER (SEE REFTEL), AND WILL EVENTUALLY BE EXTENDED TO THE JORDAN VALLEY.)

2. THE COMMITTEE ALSO DECIDED TO EXPAND THE GUSH ETZION REGIONAL CENTER (REPORTEDLY BY 300 DUNAMS).

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3. ACCORDING TO DAVAR THE SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE--AT THE REQUEST OF FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN--DECIDED AGAINST CONSTRUCTING A ROAD BETWEEN YAMIT AND EILAT. DAYAN ALSO OPPOSED A PROPOSAL BY AGRICULTURE MINISTER SHARON FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER 500 APARTMENTS AT OPHIRA. THE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES FOR EMPLOYMENT AT OPHIRA BEFORE DECIDING ON ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCT-

ION (COMMENT: SIXTY PERCENT RESIDENTS ARE EMPLOYED BY THE IDF. OTHER EMPLOYMENT IN THE AREA IS MINIMAL. AS A RESULT, RELATING CONSTRUCTION TO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN SOUTHERN SINAI IN EFFECT MEANS TABLING THE ISSUE.)

4. AN EMBOFF ASKED JEWISH AGENCY/WZO SETTLEMENT DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN WEITZ TO COMMENT ON THE SESSION, BUT HE DECLINED AND SAID HE NEVER DISCUSSED THE CONTENTS OF THESE MEETINGS WITH DIPLOMATS OR THE PRESS.
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